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SUBJ: SECOND REPORT OF USDEL TO DEN/ICE III CONF. MARCH 2 & 3

1. UK INTRODUCED ITS WP/27 ON AGENDA ITEM 1D), METHOD USED IN CALCULATING ADJUSTMENTS. THIS PAPER POINTS OUT THAT ONLY 95 O/O OF THE USER CHARGES COLLECTED UNDER THE JOINT FINANCING AGREEMENTS HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED TO NON-PROVIDER STATES PARTIES TO AGREEMENTS. (THE OTHER 5 O/O HAS BEEN ALLOCATED TO DENMARK OR ICELAND.) THE SECRETARIAT SAID IT WAS AWARE OF THIS ERROR WHICH IT PLANNED TO CORRECT THIS FALL. (UK PRESSED NO FURTHER.)

2. WHEN DISCUSSION COMMENCED ON ITEM 1B), METHOD OF CALCULATING CHARGES AND PERCENTAGE OF COST RECOVERY, IATA RAISED ISSUE OF MILITARY FLIGHTS (SEE SEPTTEL). UK THEN PRESENTED WP 26 SHOWING THAT ALTHOUGH INTENT OF DEN/ICE 2 WAS THAT USER CHARGES BY 50 O/O OF CIVIL AVIATION COSTS UNDER JF AGREEMENTS, RECOVERY WAS ONLY ABOUT 33 O/O BASED ON HISTORICAL COSTS (FIGURES FOR 2 YEARS PREVIOUS). UK THEN FORMALLY PROPOSED THAT CONFERENCE DECIDE THAT USER CHARGE FOR 1979 BE 100 O/O OF 1977 ACTUAL (HISTORICAL) COSTS ALLOCABLE TO CIVIL AVIATION. IATA THEN PRESENTED WP/32, PROPOSING IN THE SPIRIT OF COMPROMISE, A USER CHARGE OF 60 O/O IN 1979 TO BE INCREASED TO 70 O/O IN 1981 AND 1982. FRG SUPPORTED UK PROPOSAL. UK SPOKE IN FAVOR OF PUTTING OFF ANY DECISION ON FUTURE USER CHARGES UNTIL DEN/ICE CONF. IN FIRST HALF OF 1978. AFTER OTHERS
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HAD SPOKEN AND IATA FURNISHED CHARGES FOR VARIOUS SEGMENTS OF TRANSATLANTIC ROUTE, CHAIRMAN OF CTE OF WHOLE SUMMARIZED VIEWS AS FOLLOWS: FOR UK PROPOSAL - CANADA, DENMARK, FRG, ICELAND, JAPAN (BUT HAS NO DIFFICULTY WITH TWO-STEP APPROACH TO 100 O/O), AND NORWAY; FOR MORE GRADUAL SYSTEM OF CHARGES BELGIUM, FRANCE, ITALY, NETHERLANDS, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, US, IATA AND IACA. NETHERLANDS SUGGESTED 75 OR 80 O/O IN 1979 AND 1980 AND 100 O/O

IN 1981 AND SWITZERLAND AND BELGIUM SAID THEY COULD SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL. ITALY MADE AN EFFORT TO REACH A COMPROMISE BY SUGGESTING THAT THE USER CHARGES SHOULD BE BASED ON HISTORICAL COSTS BUT THAT ANY DEFICIT RESULTING SHOULD BE ADDED THE FOLLOWING YEAR. WHEN THIS PROPOSAL PRESENTED IN WRITING BY A WORKING GROUP SECRETARIAT ASKED FOR FEW DAYS TO WORK OUT EXAMPLES TO DETERMINE ITS PRACTICABILITY.

3. WHEN CTE DISCUSSED ITEM 1C), REVIEW OF BILLING AND COLLECTION SYSTEM, UK STATED THAT ITS CAA DOES NOT CHARGE ANY MORE THAN IT ACTUALLY SPENDS FOR COLLECTING THE DEN/ICE CHARGES. ICELAND AND DENMARK WERE EXTREMELY SATISFIED WITH UK COLLECTION. US SUPPORTED CONTINUATION OF 5 O/O CEILING FOR COLLECTION OF CHARGES.

4. DISCUSSION ON DANISH CLAIM FOR LOST REVENUES (ITEM 4) BEING REPORTED BY SEPTEL.

5. CTE APPROVED US PROPOSAL FOR ICAO COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO MAKE STRONGER ATTEMPTS TO OBTAIN GREATER PARTICIPATION BY USER STATES IN JOINT FINANCING AGREEMENTS.

6. WHEN CTE CONSIDERED ITS DRAFT REPORT ON ITEM 3, SPECIAL NORTH ATLANTIC PANEL (SNAP) RECOMMENDATIONS, DENMARK PROPOSED REOPENING DEBATE ON RECOMMENDATION 3/1 (DELETION OF SIX SYNOPTIC STATIONS IN GREENLAND). VOTE WAS 3 (DENMARK, ICELAND AND JAPAN) TO 2 (FRG AND SWITZERLAND). DENMARK THEN PROPOSED THAT THIS RECOMMENDATION PLUS SNAP RECOMMENDATIONS 11 (SONDRE STROMFJORD HF AIR/GROUND COMMUNICATIONS STATION) AND 12 A) (KULUSUK VHF STATION) BE REFERRED TO A WORKING GROUP. LATTER TWO ITEMS SENT TO UNCLASSIFIED

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WG, BUT DISCUSSION ON REC 3/1 HELD IN CTE, WITH DENMARK REQUESTING (A) CONSULTATION BY ICAO WITH WMO AND (B) THAT WEATHER STATIONS BE MAINTAINED UNDER JOINT FINANCING UNTIL 1982. REC. 3/1 FINALLY ACCEPTED WITH SOME NEW LANGUAGE TO BE ADDED TO REPORT REGARDING WMO'S INTEREST IN GREENLAND WEATHER STATIONS (TO BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING BY THE NETHERLANDS). REC 3/2 CALLING FOR DELETION FROM JF AGREEMENTS OF FIVE WEATHER STATIONS WAS APPROVED, WITH ICELAND NOTING THAT NOT A SINGLE REPRESENTATIVE OF GENERAL AVIATION WAS ATTENDING CONFERENCE. REC. 3/5 (MET/COM IN GREENLAND) APPROVED ALTHOUGH NOT ACCEPTED BY DENMARK.

7. TITUS OF US PRESENTED REPORT OF WORKING GROUP ON ICELAND'S REPORTS REGARDING SNAP RECOMMENDATIONS 7 AND 13. AS A RESULT, THERE WILL BE (A) NO CONSOLIDATION OF MET/COM FUNCTIONS AT GUFUNES AND REYKJAVIK DUE TO AUTOMATION OF REYKJAVIK FACILITY AND (B) RETENTION OF FOUR VHF GENERAL PURPOSE STATIONS IN ICELAND. ERICKSEN

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